



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for field work were 6. Parts of Northern Utah experienced some wet weather during midweek (.25 to .33 inch of rain) but the end of the week produced warm, sunny weather with near record temperatures. Irrigation has begun in some parts of Northern Utah, making this one of the earliest years ever for irrigation water to be applied. In Eastern Utah it has been reported that canal companies started delivering irrigation water this week. Irrigators that depend on high water may not get any irrigation water this year. While in South Central Utah it has been reported that the snowpack is gone and the water has not reached its highest level.

Field Crop Summary

Box Elder Farmers are busy planting corn and safflower. Some of the corn ground was being prepared this week and a limited number of acres were planted. They are spraying for weeds and beginning to irrigate wheat and barley as the canal company put water in their canal system this week. Wheat and barley continue to look good to excellent this spring. On the east side of the county, the Bear River Canal Company began filling the system on Friday. This will help the farmers that need to irrigate fall wheat or alfalfa hay due to the dry spring. **Cache County** reports timely spring rains last week helped new seedlings of grain. Weather conditions have been near ideal for getting spring work accomplished. Growers will begin planting corn this week, though it is earlier than normal. Most crops look quite well. **Duchesne County** reported that most areas of the county have irrigation water in the pipelines and ditches for the year. Most areas in the county are very dry and the irrigation has helped move the crops along. Many farmers will plant corn this week which is much earlier than normal because of dry and warm temperatures. In **Summit County** spring rains have helped small grains recently planted. Farmers are still busy planting small grains and spraying weeds. **Uintah County** reports that canal companies started delivering irrigation water this week. Irrigators that depend on water reaching its highest level, may not get any irrigation water this year.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports that sheep ranchers are busy shearing range sheep and lambing. No serious problems are being reported. Cattle producers are busy branding and doctoring calves. In **Cache County** reports are that livestock are doing well. **Duchesne County** reports that many of the cattle producers are working and branding calves in preparation for turn out on summer pasture. In **Summit County** ranchers are finishing up calving while sheep producers are still lambing and shearing sheep.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 22, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley Planted	92	81	34	61
Barley Emerged	61	44	8	26
Oats Planted	62	47	36	44
Oats Emerged	24	9	7	13
Spring Wheat Planted	97	87	37	65
Spring Wheat Emerged	68	44	9	26
Corn Planted	9	3	3	7
Apple Full Bloom	50	N/A	10	32
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	93	86	22	46
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	88	83	11	43

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 22, 2012

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	0	4	35	55	6
Winter Wheat	0	0	22	56	22
Sheep	0	0	6	67	27
Cattle/calves	0	0	8	69	23

Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 22, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cows Calved	90	85	85	85
Sheep Sheared on Farm	86	75	83	56
Sheep Sheared on Range	66	56	68	45
Ewes Lambled on Farm	85	75	79	84
Ewes Lambled on Range	44	36	37	39

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 22, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	0	28	70	2
Subsoil	0	34	66	0
Irrigation water supplies	1	12	86	1
Stock water supplies	1	14	83	2

Freeze Damage for Week Ending April 22, 2012

Item	None	Light	Moderate	Severe
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Fruit	45	18	24	13